



**State Board of Cosmetology Examiners**  
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Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

## State Board of Cosmetology Examiners Licensure Requirements

### Cosmetologist:

Age Requirement at Time of Application:	18 Years
High School Education Requirement:	Completion of 10 <sup>th</sup> grade or equivalent
Written Exam Required:	Yes, with a passing score being at least 75%
Practical Exam Required:	Yes, with a passing score being at least 75%
Cosmetology School Hours Required:	1,500 hours in a cosmetology program
Experience Required:	n/a
Other Requirements:	n/a

### Esthetician:

Age Requirement at Time of Application:	18 Years
High School Education Requirement:	Completion of 10 <sup>th</sup> grade or equivalent
Written Exam Required:	Yes, with a passing score being at least 75%
Practical Exam Required:	Yes, with a passing score being at least 75%
Cosmetology School Hours Required:	700 hours in an esthetics program
Experience Required:	n/a
Other Requirements:	n/a

### Manicurist:

Age Requirement at Time of Application:	18 Years
High School Education Requirement:	Completion of 8 <sup>th</sup> grade or equivalent
Written Exam Required:	Yes, with a passing score being at least 75%
Practical Exam Required:	Yes, with a passing score being at least 75%
Cosmetology School Hours Required:	450 hours in a manicuring program (if enrolled after June 17, 2002) 300 hours in a manicuring program (if enrolled prior to June 17, 2002)
Experience Required:	n/a
Other Requirements:	n/a

### Electrologist:

Age Requirement at Time of Application:	18 Years
High School Education Requirement:	Completion of 10 <sup>th</sup> grade or equivalent
Written Exam Required:	Yes, with a passing score being at least 75%
Practical Exam Required:	Yes, with a passing score being at least 75%
Cosmetology School Hours Required:	300 hours in an electrology program
Experience Required:	n/a
Other Requirements:	Must possess a valid Indiana cosmetologist or esthetician license

### **Instructor:**

Age Requirement at Time of Application:	18 Years
High School Education Requirement:	High school graduation or equivalent
Written Exam Required:	Yes, with a passing score being at least 75%
Practical Exam Required:	Yes, with a passing score being at least 75%
Cosmetology School Hours Required:	1,000 hours in an instructor program
Experience Required:	Must work in a salon for six months with respective license prior to instructing. Experience may be earned while obtaining instructor education.
Other Requirements:	Must possess a valid Indiana cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, or electrologist license

### **Supplemental Information:**

All licensees have met the above requirements, or if licensed by reciprocity, substantially equal requirements.

The State of Indiana requires a score of 75% on both the State Board of Cosmetology Examiners-approved licensing examination and the school-administered practical examination. Prior to April 5, 2006, the State of Indiana required a score of 75% on both the National-Interstate Council examination, and practical portions of the Indiana State Cosmetology Examination. Prior to July 1, 1993 the State of Indiana combined the national written and practical examination scores for an average of not less than 75% to pass the examination.

The State of Indiana offers all cosmetology professional licensing examinations in English; Cosmetologist, Manicurist, and Esthetician examinations are available in Spanish; and Manicurist examinations are available in Vietnamese. While the State of Indiana offers examinations in languages other than English, the language in which the examination was taken is not maintained in the licensee's record.

All education hours must be obtained in an approved cosmetology school.

License issue date is not available from our computer records for some licenses issued prior to 1987. For those issued prior to 1987 without an issue date on computer, a blank space or an issue date of January 1, 1900 will appear on the certification.

Additional information may be obtained on the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency website at [www.pla.in.gov](http://www.pla.in.gov) or by emailing the State Board of Cosmetology Examiners at [pla12@pla.in.gov](mailto:pla12@pla.in.gov).